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SUBJ: APPEALS COURT DECISION ON 11/11/77 DEMONSTRATION

REF: SEOUL 3431

1. ON MAY 12, SEOUL APPEALS COURT ANNOUNCED SENTENCES OF
ELEVEN STUDENTS ON TRIAL FOR VIOLATING EM-9 BY DEMONSTRATING
AT SEOUL NATIONAL UNIVERSITY (SNU) ON NOVEMBER 11, 1977:

CHIN KI-PAEK	1-1/2 YEARS
KIM KYONG-T'AEK	ONE YEAR
YON SONG-MAN	ONE YEAR
MUN SONG-UN	ONE YEAR
YANG KI-UN	ONE YEAR
CHANG KI-YONG	ONE YEAR
YI CH'OL-KUK	1-1/2 YEARS
KIM PU-KYOM	1-1/2 YEARS
CHIN CHAE-HAK	1-1/2 YEARS
YO KUN-TONG	1-1/2 YEARS
YI CHANG-HO	1-1/2 YEARS

(NOTES: IN ADDITION, EACH OF ABOVE SENTENCES INCLUDES
SUSPENSION OF CIVIL RIGHTS FOR AN EQUAL PERIOD OF TIME
AFTER CONCLUSION OF PRISON SENTENCE. SENTENCE FOR CHIN
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CHAE-HAK WAS SUSPENDED FOR THREE YEARS. CHIN IS NOW IN A
MENTAL HOSPITAL, REPORTEDLY AS A RESULT OF THE STRESS OF
PRISON LIFE, RATHER THAN BECAUSE OF MISTREATMENT.)

2. APPROXIMATELY 150 STUDENTS CAME TO OBSERVE SENTENCING
SESSION, BUT LESS THAN HALF OF THEM WERE ABLE TO CROWD
INTO THE SMALL COURTROOM. PROCEEDINGS WERE ORDERLY, AS

ONLY JUDGES SPOKE.

3. JUDGES' DECISIONS REDUCED TO ONE YEAR THE SENTENCES
OF THE FIVE STUDENTS WHO HAD BEEN MOST HEAVILY PUNISHED
(PREVIOUSLY, THREE YEARS' IMPRISONMENT), AND LEFT UNTOUCHED
THE ONE AND ONE-HALF YEAR SENTENCES OF THE OTHER SIX.
APPEAL TO THE SUPREME COURT IS EXPECTED NEXT AND WILL
PROBABLY TAKE TWO TO THREE MONTHS.

4. COMMENT: JUDGES APPARENTLY DID NOT HOLD AGAINST STUDENTS
THEIR DEFIANT STATEMENTS AT FINAL TRIAL SESSION APRIL 24
(REFTEL).
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